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SUGGESTED ONI CHANGES TO SE-46

1. Page 5, para 8 - delete this paragraph. *not accepted* 7

Reason: Paragraph 8 appears unnecessary in the light of paragraphs 3,7,9, and 11, summarized in paragraph 26. These other paragraphs cover (a) Bloc ability to devote resources to military preparations, (b) the diminishing ratio of Western economic superiority, (c) the narrowing margin of Western technological superiority, (d) the narrowing margin of Western atomic superiority and (e) the conclusion that in these respects time is on the Soviet side.

2. Page 6 and 7, para 11 - change second sentence to read: "Within the period of this estimate both US and USSR will possess a sufficient stockpile of atomic and possibly thermonuclear weapons to cripple the other side, if delivered on target."

Reason: To conform to language in SE-35. It is not believed that our intelligence regarding thermonuclear weapons is firm enough to permit a categorical statement regarding them.

3. Page 8, para 15 - delete paragraph 15 and add following to end of paragraph 14:

"Moreover, attainment of the capability to defend Western Europe and Japan against Soviet attack would significantly improve the power position of the West. The resources of these areas, their geographical location, and their considerable technological potential, contribute substantially to Western strength."

Reason: As written, paragraph 15 considers the event of general war, which is excluded by the assumptions. The ability to defend Western Europe and Japan would enhance the Western power position whenever this ability is attained.

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